

his affairs, may be paid for that member's use or benefit to any person designated by the Secretary concerned, or by any officer to whom he delegates his authority under this section, without the appointment in judicial proceedings of a committee, guardian, or other legal representative.

(b) The board shall consist of at least three qualified medical officers or physicians, one of whom is specially qualified in the treatment of mental disorders, appointed from available medical officers or physicians under his jurisdiction by the head of whichever of the following is providing medical treatment for the member, or by a person designated by that head—

- (1) Department of the Army;
- (2) Department of the Navy;
- (3) Department of the Air Force;
- (4) Department of Health and Human Services; or
- (5) Department of Veterans Affairs.

If the hospitalization or medical care of the member is not provided by the United States, the board shall be appointed by the Secretary of the department having jurisdiction of the member.

(c) A payment made to a person who is designated under this section discharges the obligation of the United States as to the amount paid.

(d) A person serving in a legal, medical, fiduciary, or other capacity, may not demand or accept a fee, commission, or other charge for any service performed under this chapter.

(e) This section does not apply in any case in which a legal committee, guardian, or other representative has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, except as to payments made before the paying agency of the department concerned receives notice of that appointment.

(f) A person who is designated to receive payments under this section shall furnish satisfactory assurance that the amounts received by him will be applied to the use and benefit of the incompetent member, and, where the payments may reasonably be expected to be more than \$1,000, shall provide a suitable bond to be paid for out of amounts due the incompetent member.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 483; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §516(17), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2939; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1621(b)(1), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1604.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
602(a)	37:352 (1st sentence, less 31 words before provisos and less provisos).	June 21, 1950, ch. 342, §§ 2, 3 (less 1st 28 words), 64 Stat. 249; Aug. 7, 1959, Pub. L. 86-145, §1, 73 Stat. 297.
602(b)	37:352 (last proviso of 1st sentence, 2d sentence, and last sentence).	
602(c)	37:352 (31 words before provisos of 1st sentence).	
602(d)	37:352 (1st proviso of 1st sentence).	
602(e)	37:352 (2d proviso of 1st sentence).	
602(f)	37:353 (less 1st 28 words).	

In subsection (a), the words “or persons” and “or officers” are omitted, since, under section 1 of title 1,

“words importing the singular include and apply to several persons, parties, or things”. The words “to whom he delegates his authority under this section” are substituted for the words “as the respective Secretaries may designate for such purposes” to obviate confusion between persons “designated to receive payments and those who perform the Secretary's functions under the section. The words “the necessity of” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c), the words “or persons” are omitted for the reasons given in the preceding paragraph. The words “discharges the obligation” are substituted for the words “shall constitute a complete discharge”.

In subsection (d), the words “under the authority of” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (e), the words “have been” and “including a requirement” are omitted as surplusage. The words “or persons” are omitted for the reason stated in the explanation under subsection (a), above.

AMENDMENTS

1989—Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “Department of Veterans Affairs” for “Veterans’ Administration”.

1980—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “Department of Health and Human Services” for “Department of Health, Education, and Welfare”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

CROSS REFERENCES

Finality of determination of Secretary under this section, see section 604 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 604 of this title.

§ 603. Regulations

The Secretary concerned and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall prescribe regulations necessary to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 484; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1621(b)(2), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1604.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
603	37:353 (1st 28 words).	June 21, 1950, ch. 342, §3 (1st 28 words), 64 Stat. 249; Aug. 7, 1959, Pub. L. 86-145, §2, 73 Stat. 297.

The words “effectively” and “provisions of” are omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

1989—Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “Secretary of Veterans Affairs” for “Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs”.

§ 604. Determination of Secretary final

The determination as to the person authorized to receive a payment under section 602 of this title is final and is not subject to review by an official of the United States or a court.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 484; Pub. L. 89-718, §66, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1123.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
604	37:354.	June 21, 1950, ch. 342, § 4, 64 Stat. 250.

The words “or persons” are omitted for the reasons stated in the revision note for section 602(a) of this revised title. The words “made by the respective secretaries, or by their duly designated subordinates” and the words “and conclusive” are omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

1966—Pub. L. 89-718 struck out “the” before “Secretary” in section catchline.

**CHAPTER 13—ALLOTMENTS AND
ASSIGNMENTS OF PAY**

Sec.	
701.	Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps; contract surgeons.
[702.	Repealed.]
703.	Allotments: members of Coast Guard.
704.	Allotments: officers of Public Health Service.
[705.	Repealed.]
706.	Allotments: commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
707.	Allotments: members of the National Guard.

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIV, §1484(f)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1717, revised chapter heading so as to appear in all capital letters.

1985—Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §683(a)(3), (b)(2), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 665, 666, included reference to the Navy and Marine Corps in item 701, and struck out item 702 “Allotments: officers of Navy or Marine Corps” and item 705 “Assignments: enlisted members of naval service”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §516(18)(C), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2939, substituted “Allotments: commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration” for “Commissioned officers of Environmental Science Services Administration” in item 706.

1974—Pub. L. 93-289, §11(c), May 24, 1974, 88 Stat. 173, added item 707.

1966—Pub. L. 89-718, §49(a)(3), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1121, substituted “Environmental Science Services Administration for “Coast and Geodetic Survey” in item 706.

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in title 42 section 665.

§ 701. Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps; contract surgeons

(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the military department concerned, a commissioned officer of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps may transfer or assign his pay account, when due and payable.

(b) A contract surgeon, or contract dental surgeon, of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, on duty in Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, or Puerto Rico, may transfer or assign his pay account, when due and payable, under the regulations prescribed under subsection (a).

(c) An enlisted member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps may not assign his pay, and if he does so, the assignment is void.

(d) The Secretary of the military department concerned,¹ may allow a—

¹ So in original. The comma probably should not appear.

(1) member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps; or

(2) contract surgeon of the Army, Navy, or Air Force;

to make allotments from his pay for the support of his relatives, or for any other purpose that the Secretary concerned considers proper. If an allotment made under this subsection is paid to the allottee before the disbursing officer receives a notice of discontinuance from the officer required by regulation to furnish the notice, the amount of the allotment shall be credited to the disbursing officer. If an allotment is erroneously paid because the officer required by regulation to so report failed to report the death of the allotter or any other fact that makes the allotment not payable, the amount of the payment not recovered from the allottee shall, if practicable, be collected by the Secretary concerned, from the officer who failed to make the report.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 484; Pub. L. 89-718, §67, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1123; Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §683(a)(1), (2), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 665; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(b)(1), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
701(a)	10:3689(a). 10:3689(a).	[None.] [None.]
701(b)	10:3689(b). 10:3689(b).	[None.] [None.]
701(c)	10:3689(c). 10:3689(c).	[None.] [None.]
701(d)	10:3689(d). 10:3689(d).	[None.] [None.]

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-25 struck out “of this section” after “subsection (a)”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-145, §683(a)(2), inserted reference to Navy and Marine Corps in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-145, §683(a)(1)(A), (C), substituted “Secretary of the military department concerned” for “Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be” and “commissioned officer of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps” for “commissioned officer of the Army or the Air Force”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-145, §683(a)(1)(B), inserted reference to Navy.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-145, §683(a)(1)(A), inserted reference to Navy and Marine Corps.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-145, §683(a)(1)(C), substituted “Secretary of the military department concerned” for “Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be”.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 99-145, §683(a)(1)(A), inserted reference to Navy and Marine Corps.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 99-145, §683(a)(1)(B), inserted reference to Navy.

1966—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 89-718 substituted “Secretary concerned” for “Chief of Finance (in cases involving the Army) or by the Secretary of the Air Force” in provision for collection erroneously paid allotments.

**[§ 702. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-145, title VI,
§ 683(b)(1), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 665]**

Section, Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 484, authorized allotments by officers of Navy and Marine Corps for support of family or relatives, for personal